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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

SOME PEOPLE ASK ME, "WHO EDITS THE SWORD OF THE LORD when you are away?" Well, I am away from home most of the time, and yet I continually carry on the editorial work. I select every sermon that goes into THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I read it carefully, usually put in subheads when there are none. If there are paragraphs which are not acceptable doctrinally, I indicate that they are to be left out. I usually write the decision form in sermons to the unsaved. I plan every issue myself—one sermon to the unsaved, usually one devotional and practical for Christians and one with Bible teaching. I fit them in for size. If one sermon is extra long others must be shorter. Usually one sermon must be by a great soul winner of the past, and another by a great soul winner of the present. The editorial work is carried on just the same when I am preaching three times a day.

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FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE PAST week (August 28-September 4) I have been in an evangelistic conference at Indian Park Bible Conference Grounds near Williamsport, Pa. Mrs. Rice, my daughter Joy, thirteen, and my secretary Miss Viola Walden drove from Wheaton, arriving Tuesday noon. During the week my secretary worked long hours, missing daytime services and two nights working during the evening service to catch up on necessary material. Mrs. Rice borrowed a typewriter and copied sermons. A visiting typist at the conference typed one sermon for us. My secretary wrote 41 letters in one day. Some letters I dictated to her to be taken down in shorthand; others were dictated on the dictating machine, to be

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For the Testimony of Jesus Christ

By Dr. Carl McIntire, President International Council of Christian Churches

Opening message of the Second Plenary Congress I.C.C.C., in Geneva, August 16, 1950

"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 1:9.

Our purpose in coming here is to give all glory to God. Almighty God, by His grace and providence, has brought us together from all sections of the world. The Spirit of the living God has united our hearts and minds in a determination to lift a united witness to the faith once delivered to the saints. Our heavenly Father has called us into the fellowship of the sons of God. We have been begotten again from the dead into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Four hundred years ago in this city God gave to His Church universal the labors of mighty men of faith and courage—Farel, Calvin, Beze, Knox—who tore away the traditions of men, wrapped layer upon layer around the Bible, and let the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ shine out to all the world. This brought reformation, revival, liberty and social advancement. All these men did was to return to the Bible, and then endeavor to make known the message of the Scriptures to men. They believed that God had spoken once and for all.

It is this same Word that our world desperately needs today. In this twentieth century within the church men have disposed of the Bible by denying its accuracy, truthfulness, and authority; and darkness, confusion, apostasy are about us. Instead of giving a certain word to a lost and wandering world, there is a babel of voices unable to agree.

We have all heard of what is popularly called the five points of Calvinism. The first of these is the total depravity of man. God says that man's "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9.) These 400 years since Calvin have confirmed this, and particularly our generation illustrates it. Men speak of the problem of the A-bomb. Men rightfully fear the ravages of atomic warfare, but the problem is not the bomb, never has been the bomb. The problem is the man whose hands have made it. In the proposals for the control of atomic weapons the one factor beyond control and which the world fears is the treachery and deceit of men, and this has to do with man's depraved nature. We witness an appalling spectacle: while the United Nations is engaged in war, a police action against the communists in North Korea, the representative of the communists themselves presides over the United Nations. A distracted, disillusioned world cries out for relief and peace.

Paul the apostle describes the depravity of man in writing to the Christians in Ephesus: "And you

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hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:1-3).

But Calvin had a remedy. It was Paul's remedy: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love

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The Day of Pentecost

By the late Dr. F. B. Meyer,
Former Minister, Christ Church, London

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak . . ."—Acts 2:1-4.

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."—Acts 2:41.

"This is that" (Acts 2:16).

We need not stay to prove the personality of the Holy Spirit. If it were in question, a decisive answer would be afforded by the wording of the circular letter sent from the first church council to the daughter churches, which were awaiting guidance.

The Epistle begins with the august and significant words: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." The obvious interpretation of such an inscription is the equal personality of the Holy Spirit with that of the assembled leaders of the church. He came to act as the executor of the Godhead, the conservator of the truth, the Lord and giver of life. The Day of Pentecost has been described as, in a sense, His birthday — *dies natalis!* His mission was to constitute the Church, as the Body of Christ, to rule and guide it, to add to it those who were being saved, and to reveal to them things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, but which are made known to the Spirit-led.

I have sometimes wondered whether the good Barnabas may not have crossed from his estate in the neighboring isle of Cyprus, to spend a few day with his sister whose house had, not improbably, been the scene of the Last Supper, held in one of its upper rooms. His sister, Mary, at the dawn of the Day of Pentecost, would be early away from the home to the gathering of the disciples. Her brother and his nephew, Mark, might have been taking their early meal together, at which Rhoda was serving them, when suddenly a startling sound burst on their ears.

Hastening from the house they ran out into the street, supposing that a terrific whirlwind had swept down upon the city. But to their surprise not a single leaf was

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Meet a New Staff Member

We have announced that THE SWORD OF THE LORD, in addition to boosting the work of all reputable, sound evangelists, will have a Staff of Evangelists on the field regularly, working officially with THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We are glad to present Rev. Ralph E. Mucher who comes to THE SWORD OF THE LORD to be Field Secretary of the Sword Staff of Evangelists. He has worked in similar capacity for the evangelistic department of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation since January, 1946. He has been Eastern and Midwestern Field Director, has done a blessed work.

The Fuller Evangelistic Foundation is to continue, but the Department of Evangelism itself is to be discontinued as of January 1, 1951. Mr. Mucher comes to us with the blessing of Dr. Charles E. Fuller and Dr. Roy Laurin. In fact, Dr. Laurin writes us in the strongest terms commending this spiritual and gifted man of God who feels especially called to the work of promoting revivals.

Mr. Mucher is a graduate of Bucknell University, a graduate of Philadelphia School of the Bible. He was an active and successful business man for some years before going into full-time Christian work.

Mr. Mucher's work will be contact and advance work for our Staff of Evangelists. He begins his work with us October 16, with headquarters at the Wheaton office, 214 West Wesley Street.

Ralph E. Mucher

Evangelist Bill Rice, associate editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, is director of the evangelistic staff. At present Brother Bill makes his home at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, but will carry on his work with us—one of the finest brothers, one of the most loyal co-workers any man ever had.

We thank God for the coming of Brother Mucher. He deserves and has the deep respect of multiplied thousands of godly people, and pastors will find him intelligent, spiritual, unselfish help in planning revival services and in getting the right man to fit the situation and in getting the meetings properly planned.

JOHN R. RICE

The Way to Hell

By Evangelist Kenneth Chapman, West Plains, Mo.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." Heb. 2:3.

I am using the outline of Dr. John R. Rice. The outline is his and I acknowledge my debt to him for the use of it. I pray and trust that God will be pleased to bless this message to your heart and use it to turn many souls from sin to salvation.

Jesus taught that it is a broad road and a wide gate that leads to Hell and many go that way. He also taught that it is a narrow road and a narrow gate that leads to Heaven and few find it. It is shocking to realize that the majority of people who reach the age of accountability decide against Heaven and go out into eternal darkness without hope and without God. Many do it unintentionally. They simply put off their decision for Christ until it is too late. It is strange how long people will put

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off the salvation of their soul. They will take care of other things, but this most important of all decisions is put off so many times until it is eternally too late, or just before the undertaker calls.

I have known other people who have said they intend to be saved some time. They will talk about it but won't do anything about it. I remind you now that "the road to Hell is paved with good intentions." The Spaniards say, "The road of By and By leads to the town of Never."

The shortest, the quickest and the surest road from anywhere in this world to Hell is the road of Neglect. You neglect your soul's salvation, bypass opportunities to be saved, keep on turning down the Spirit's pleading, and you will arrive in Hell on the Devil's express train!

Our text is a great unanswerable question: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

There are several such questions in the Bible. Jesus asked one once when He asked, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

God asked one when He spoke to the rich farmer, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: Then whose shall those

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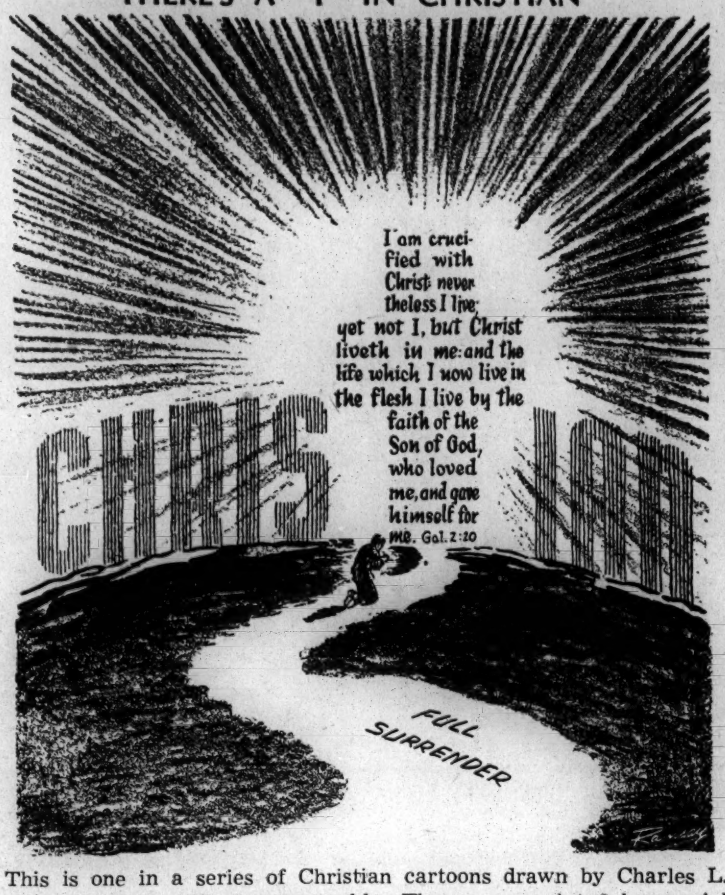
The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay

THERE'S A "T" IN CHRISTIAN



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quivering, not a tree was swaying. The sound had been that of a violent blast of wind; but clearly this was not the explanation.

We may, therefore, imagine the two men joining with the crowds as they streamed up the temple steps under the impression that the mysterious sound was in some way associated with a divine epiphany. On reaching the temple court they found it crowded with a vast assemblage of at least three thousand people, Jews and proselytes, residents in Jerusalem, and visitors gathered from every quarter of the Empire. Here and there were little groups, each eagerly listening to a discourse in their own language, emanating from lips that seemed touched with a coal of fire! Finally, however, these smaller circles became merged in one great audience, awaiting an authoritative explanation from the leader of the inner group, whose faces were illumined by a light that never shone on sea or shore.

May we not suppose that Barnabas would seek an explanation of this astonishing scene from a bystander, who might answer in some such words as these: "Clearly you are a stranger in the city, or you would not need to ask that question. This scene is closely related with the history of a wonderful movement, which for the last three years has engrossed the attention of the entire country. Of this movement one known as Jesus of Nazareth has been the central figure. The eminent purity of His character was combined with an extraordinary wealth of miraculous power, and He had become the idol of the people, especially in the northern districts of this country. Finally, He excited the jealousy of the priestly order who, seven weeks ago, got the Roman authorities to crucify Him. But the extraordinary fact is that, to many of us, He has given certain evidence that He arose from His grave and is still ministering to the needs of men. He promised that He would take steps to enable us to carry on the work which He commenced, but if you will listen to yonder speaker, you will learn all the facts at first-hand."

Here John Mark might break in and further explain to his uncle what he had heard from his mother of Peter's past history, and his close association with Jesus of Nazareth.

After dismissing the absurd charge of drunkenness, since the day was still young, the speaker commenced his main address by saying: *"This is that."*

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"... His Blood Will I Require at Thine Hand"

By Evangelist John R. Rice

There is a Bible doctrine that we are accountable to God for warning those about us. In Ezekiel 3:17, 18 are these burning words:

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."

When God warns a man, we ought to warn him also. Souls are not going to be saved without human help. God has limited Himself to saving people through the gospel which must be spread by human means.

Even the Angel Gabriel could not tell Cornelius and his household how to be saved in Acts, Chapter 10.

The Apostle Paul lived in constant concern lest the blood of some poor soul, unwarned, should be held against him. After three years' ministry in Ephesus, Paul said to the elders of the church of that city, "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men" (Acts 20:26). Paul had gone night and day with tears, both publicly and from house to house declaring all the gospel. If anybody from Ephesus went to Hell, he could not blame the Apostle Paul!

This same idea, that we are accountable to God for the souls about us, is inherent in the Great Commission. All of us are commanded to help get the gospel to every creature. But the apostles were to preach, "beginning in Jerusalem," and each of us has a special responsibility toward our own family, our own city, our own church.

September 1 a man called me long distance from a Pennsylvania town. Deeply burdened, he had come to me at the Central Manor camp ground to ask me how he could best get the gospel to every home in his town. He said, "If I send a tract or even a book to every home in the town, that is only one step and it may be thrown away." He asked me on what terms he could send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to every home in the town. His telephone call on September 1 was to tell me that another Christian friend had joined with him and they would send $500 each to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD for six months to every home in the town.

Our friend could not bear that anybody in his city should go on without warning and without at least having many good opportunities to know how to be saved, many persuasive invitations to accept Christ. So for twenty-six weeks THE SWORD OF THE LORD will go to every home in his town and will carry a total of about seventy-five sermons to each home. May God make the seed thus sown fruitful!

Will You Have Blood on Your Hands?

We are accountable for those 'round about us. What are you doing to see that your neighbors and friends hear the gospel and know how to be saved?

What are you doing to make sure that Christian people are taught the Word of God, are taught how to be filled with the Spirit of God, how to win souls?

What are you doing to see that young people are warned of the results of wordliness and licentiousness? What are you doing to challenge young people to live out and out for God, to invest their lives in a way to count for eternity?

I am sure that through your church you ought to help reach every person possible. Thank God for the churches, for Youth for Christ, for Child Evangelism, for gospel radio programs, for revival campaigns and personal visitation. It yet remains that one of the best ways to reach great numbers of people inexpensively and surely is through the printed page. Do you know how Jehovah's Witnesses have spread their doctrine all over America? With inexpensively printed literature! Do you know how Communism has infiltrated this country and gotten a foothold in the labor unions and in the thinking of common people everywhere? The answer is largely through printed literature, slanted literature.

The New Deal group which began with President Roosevelt and his brain-trusters and continues with the Truman administration have almost captured the Democratic party and have changed the thinking of the masses all over America. Once it was counted a disgrace not to earn one's liv-

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

In one or two of my releases, I have referred to the conversion of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dannelly and their little girls, which took place at a trailer camp just off the campus of Bob Jones University. Mr. Dannelly has had a great deal of experience in a good many fields of public contacts. He was organizing Exchange Clubs throughout the country, and he and his wife and two children were going from place to place in a trailer. Mr. Dannelly arranged with the man in charge of the trailer court, which is not on Bob Jones University property but is just off the campus, to park his trailer in the lot for just a few weeks.

Under the influence of the ministerial students and Christian workers and Christian emphasis of Bob Jones University, the little girl was saved first, then Mrs. Dannelly, and then just a few days later, Mr. Dannelly found the Lord.

So our friends may know just how the Spirit of God is using Bob Jones University and its contacts to win the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ, I am quoting below excerpts from the copy of a letter which Mr. Dannelly recently wrote to a relative:

"I owe everything worthwhile in life to Bob Jones University ... because for forty years I didn't know if I was saved or not; therefore, I had never led anyone to Christ. Not only am I sure now of my salvation, but in less than two years I have personally had hundreds and hundreds of decisions for our Lord. I have done personal work every day since October 1 of last year. In over 300 days without missing a single day of explaining to someone how to be saved, only one day has passed without one or more decisions for Christ.

"When we moved to Bob Jones University, I wasn't even sure of the authority of the Bible. The first step was when I was convinced that the Holy Spirit enpowered the men of old to write God's Word and He *would not permit* a mistake. At the annual Bible Conference at Bob Jones University, I heard several of the greatest living students of God's Word speak. These great Bible teachers helped me settle the question that the Bible *is* the Word of God. When these men, coming from all parts of the world and from many different denominations, agreed on *all* important points, that was good enough for me.

"Our friends were praying with us that the Lord could and would use us in His service. After six months of prayer and study of His Word, the Child Evangelism Fellowship held their International Conference at Bob Jones University, and it was then that we were called into full-time work for Him in this wonderful faith work. I never could have believed that the Lord could bless two people as much as He has blessed our short ministry. We couldn't be happier in any work—and the important part is that we know that we are saved and so are two of our children."

We know many wonderful stories we could tell—stories of how God has poured out His Spirit upon young men and young women trained in Bob Jones University who have gone out and led many to the Lord Jesus Christ. We hope to release in a very short time a partial report of the work our ministerial students have been able, under God, to do from the opening of the school year last September to the opening of school this September. The figures we will submit are almost staggering; in fact, they seem almost too big to accept. But remember, the report you see will be only a partial report. The work is bigger and more wonderful than any figures we are able to get.

My friends, this school year, which began September 6, we are helping almost one thousand students (almost one-third of our student body) with part work/loan scholarships. These students could not attend this Christian institution and train for Christian witnessing and Christian leadership without this financial help. *We need your help, and we need it very much.* I never thought that we would have to draw so largely during any one year upon our Student Loan Endowment Fund as we are drawing this year. Someone said to us a year or two ago when we spoke to him of raising a million dollars for this Student Loan Endowment Fund, "I do not think you will ever need that much money." Well we do. This year proves we need it.

We are earnestly appealing to you Christian friends who have never made a contribution to make it now. Make as large an investment as you possibly can and please make it as early as possible. You who have helped us in the past, please help us again, and please make a large investment if possible; but if not possible to make a large investment, *then invest some amount;* and *please do it right away.* We need your help. We are trusting you to stand by us. We have faith in God, and we have confidence in the people who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Please let us hear from you promptly. Thank you and God bless you.

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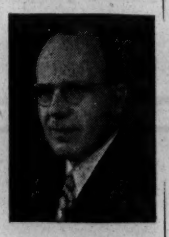
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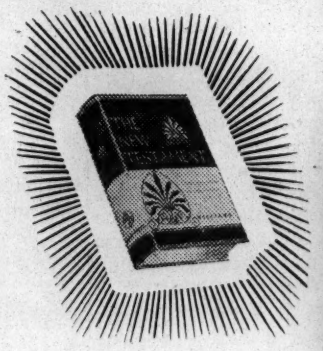

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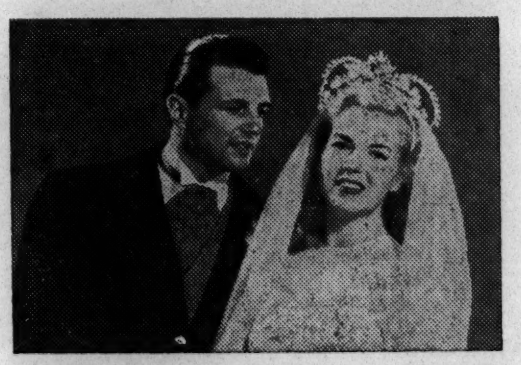

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The Day of Pentecost

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What Was "This"?

For ten days the one hundred and twenty loyal souls had been awaiting the gift of spiritual power which their Lord had promised. Each day as it passed witnessed the same absorbed expectancy. "Not many days," the Lord had said, and therefore any day might be the one on which His gift might be poured forth. For the world's sake, and for their own, they had continued to claim the fulfillment of the promise and to rid themselves of every conceivable obstacle to its reception. It would appear that on this special day when, in the temple, the priest presented the first loaves of the new harvest to the Almighty, they had risen from their knees and were sitting in an expectant attitude. Then suddenly they saw tongue-like flames distributing themselves, one resting on the head of each, and they were all similarly anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit. The same experience befell them as had befallen their Divine Leader when He was baptized. That had been His Pentecost, as this became their Baptism. Each looked at the rest, admiring their halos of fire, not daring to suppose that he or she was also similarly blessed. From the beginning the Holy Spirit had brooded over the chaos of the elements and the ordering of human society; but, now, for the first time, as we have seen, He created the nucleus of the Body of Christ and laid the foundation of the one holy mystical Church! This was according to Christ's word: "I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

"That"

"That" on the other hand, was the prediction of the Prophet Joel, who foretold that the hour would come when men-servants and maid-servants would break forth into prophecy; and that amid the convulsions of nature and the fall of empires, vast numbers would call on the name of the Lord, and crowd through the gates of salvation. Peter, in the scene before him, perceived and declared the actual fulfillment of that ancient prophecy.

If Barnabas were there that day, he must have been deeply moved. The name, "Son of consolation," by which he was afterwards known, suggests his highly-strung and tender nature; and he must have been very sensitive to the warm waters of love which seemed to be let loose over that spell-bound assembly. He had never experienced the like of it before. Here was the comfort in Christ, that fellowship of the Spirit, those tender mercies and compassion of which he was so often to hear from the lips of his old comrade, Paul, in the university of Tarsus, as in after years they travelled together in the power of the same Spirit. His descent on the infant church was being accomplished before his eyes.

Thus was fulfilled the Saviour's promise that they should receive power—the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon them.

"This" Is Not "That"

But we sorrowfully confess today that *"This" is not "that."* The professing Church as we know it is far removed from her Pentecostal prototype. *"That"* was united; *"This"* is divided into an infinite number of sects. *"That"* was full of triumphant joy; whilst *"This"* get choirs and choristers to sing for her. *"That"* made little of material wealth; *"This"* pays court to it. *"That"* was characterized by simplicity of method, as each member said to neighbor and brother, "Know the Lord"; whilst *"This"* substitutes paid agents to perform the work of evangelization and soul winning. *"That"* was a commonwealth of mutual helpfulness; in *"This,"* class distinctions are permitted and observed. No greater contrast between *"That"* and *"This"* could be adduced than between the brief sentences which describe the Church's infancy, when the Lord added to her *daily* those who were being saved, and the endeavor of modern Christian communities to attract audiences by an ornate ritual, or popular orations on the topics of the day, or adventitious attractions which savor of the dancing academy or the club.

When at Colombo I read an extract from a Buddhist paper in which a correspondent cited such things as "the ruses," adopted in a Christian country to induce people to attend church. There are vast numbers of significant exceptions, where buildings are crowded and the gospel is still proved to be the power of God to salvation; but speaking generally, with the facts of church decline before us, we are sorrowfully compelled to confess that *"This" is not "That."*

"This" Might Be "That"

The apostle did not say that Joel's prophecy was fulfilled. He clearly realized that the scene before him was only the first installment towards its fulfillment. The gift of the Holy Spirit has never been withdrawn; and indeed miracles are happening today in the hearts of sinners which are as wonderful as anything that has ever taken place in the history of the Church. The river of God flows on in its glorious fulness, though the professing Church has removed from its banks and is creating a new settlement on the edge of a desert. How disastrous is this experiment! It is very bitter to state the matter thus: very bitter to draw a distinction between the professing church and the hidden church; very bitter to suggest that any amongst us are forsaking the fountain of living waters for cisterns that can hold none! Yet an instant alteration might be effected if only the leaders of the churches, both ministers and laymen, and indeed the membership as a whole, would turn once more to those stores of blessing which await us in "the residue of the spirit"!

The following notable instances encourage the faith that God's arm is not shortened that He cannot save, nor His ear heavy that He connot hear.

One Saturday afternoon, Christmas Evans, the famous Welsh preacher, was ascending Gader Idris on his way to a preaching engagement on the following day. He records that he was suddenly "convicted of a cold heart," and as the road was lonely he tethered his horse, went some distance apart, and cast himself before God in an agony of self-despair. He confessed his own sins and those of the churches under his care. The fountains of the deeps within were broken up. His tears came thick and fast, followed by a baptism of love and power which affected the whole of his subsequent ministry, and led to a revival of religion throughout the principality.

The Rev. C. M. Birrell of Liverpool, who was a fellow student with Murray McCheyne, the Bonars, and W. C. Burns, once told me of a conversation which, when a young man, had passed between himself and the mother of W. C. Burns, in which she gave him the key to the great revival which touched the whole of Scotland. When she went to her son's room in the early morning to call him to his breakfast, she found him lying on the floor where he had been all night, detained by the Spirit of God and oblivious to the flight of time. "Mother," he said, "God has given me Kilsyth today." Yes, and not only Kilsyth, with one hundred saved that afternoon but Scotland and then Inland China, where he and Hudson Taylor wrought together.

Sitting with D. L. Moody in the porch of his home in Northfield one Sunday morning, he gave me the following experience. Shortly after his conversion, he took the big Market Hall in Chicago and gathered a vast crowd of hearers for his Sunday evening service, but with comparatively small results. A group of Christian women used to occupy the front seats, and as he descended from the platform they would say something to this effect: "Very good, Mr. Moody, very good; but there is something better, and we are praying for you." He often questioned what

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There is a Bible doctrin for warning those about us burning words:

"Son of man, I have m house of Israel; therefore h give them warning from m Thou shalt surely die; and t speakest to warn the wicke his life; the same wicked m his blood will I require at t

When God warns a man, ought to warn him also. Souls a not going to be saved witho human help. God has limited Hi self to saving people through t gospel which must be spread human means.

Even the Angel Gabriel co not tell Cornelius and his hou Christ and received the baptism of power. On the following Sunday evenings, the Spirit of God moved his audiences with such mighty power that the women who had prayed for him, with tears and smiles, said: "Ah, Mr. Moody, you have got it now!" That was the beginning of a ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit, which was destined to affect the world.

But, perhaps, the outstanding incident of all is that recorded of John Wesley on his return from his residence in America, which had not been marked by any outstanding features. He met Peter Bohler, a Moravian, at a religious gathering in Aldersgate Street, London, and afterwards accompanied him to Herrnhut, where, on the invitation of Count Zinzendorf, the consecrated and missionary-hearted Moravian Church had found its home. It was there that he entered on the experience of Pentecost, and on his return to London, invited the Aldersgate group to meet him one afternoon at the Moravian Church in Fetter Lane. At that memorable meeting, in addition to himself, were his brother Charles, Whitefield, and others whose names were destined to shine as stars. After they had continued for two hours in fellowship and prayer, they became conscious of the mystic presence of the Holy Spirit, and fell on their faces in reverent worship, after which they arose and sang the Te Deum. On the next morning, Whitefield took the early coach to Bristol, and the great revival, the celestial fire of which saved Britian from the false fire of the French Revolution, broke out.

"This" Shall Be "That"

Why should not every minister

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things be, which thou hast provided" (Luke 12:20).

These questions are asked, I believe, to cause us to stop, think and consider the way we are going. They ought to cause us to do some sober thinking about what is beyond the grace. They ought to make us consider our relationship to God and the account we are going to be called upon to render to Him.What have you done with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour who gave Himself that you might be saved? How is it with your soul? Your body may be fat and healthy, but without Christ your soul is poor, lost and starving. Meet God we must; render an account we must; be dealt with righteously, we will be.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

Let us think about

I—"So great salvation."

We have been warned of the impossibility of escape if we neglect it. Someone has said. "The plan of salvation is the wonder of wonders of all ages. It is so deep and so marvelous that this world's greatest minds have never been able to think through it, yet so simple that the smallest child understanding the difference between right and wrong can accept it and be saved."

I believe it is great salvation because it was provided by a great Saviour. His greatness is set forth in this book as in no other book in the Bible. The theme of the Epistle to the Hebrews is the superiority of Christianity over Judaism. Its character is a demonstration based on Old Testament Scriptures that the New Testament in Jesus' blood is better than and takes the place of the first testament in animal blood. It sets forth the fact of salvation by grace.

The key word is "b

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typed at the office by our secretary there, Miss Tirrell Stoutenborough. You see, we need the prayers of God's people as we carry on this blessed work.

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YOU WILL READ WITH GENUINE blessing, the sermon in this issue *"The Way to Hell"* by Evangelist Kenneth Chapman. Brother Chapman lives at West Plains, Mo., is one of THE SWORD OF THE LORD staff evangelists. He is a powerful preacher and I pray that God will use this sermon to save a number of souls. Other evangelists on the official staff of THE SWORD OF THE LORD include Rev. Claude McDonald, 3615 Westmont, Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. Dick Melton, P. O. Box 12, Blytheville, Ark., Rev. Joe B. Rice, 505 N. Blvd., Edmond, Okla. and Rev. J. Oscar Wells, Rt. 7, Lubbock, Tex. These evangelists are true to the faith, Spirit-filled, fervent soul winners. The busier they are kept and the better opportunity they have the more souls will be saved.

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them up, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail" (Heb. 1: 10-12).

He is the same, He never grows old and weak. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

We are living in a changing world but we have an unchanging Christ, an unchanging Gospel, an unchanging plan of salvation. Call it old-fashioned if you will, but I declare that the Gospel message is as new and up-to-date as tomorrow morning's newspaper. God's plan never changes, yet is ever new. The saints in the Old Testament were saved because they believed God.

"Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (Rom. 4:3).

If you are a Christian it is because you have believed God. If you are ever saved, it will be because you believe God. Paul said: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

Jesus said: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

John said: "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have light through his name" (John 20:31).

The God whom Abraham worshipped and believed has appeared in human flesh upon the earth. "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (I Tim. 3:16).

The Queen of Sheba came from afar to hear and see Solomon of whom she had heard so many rumors and when she saw his fabulous wealth and heard his marvelous wisdom she said: "The half was not told me." The Queen of Sheba shall rise up in judgment against those who have not believed in Jesus, for "behold, a greater than Solomon is here" (Matt. 12:42).

Jonah preached to the wicked city of Nineveh and that great city of over 120,000 people repented and turned to God. The men of Nineveh will rise and condemn all who have failed to trust in Jesus, for "behold, a greater than Jonah is here" (Matt. 12:41).

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The supreme cost of salvation was the giving of His very life upon the cross.

"Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1: 18, 19).

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

The death of Jesus upon the cross is the center of Christianity. It was not in His matchless life that He became the Saviour of men. Rather it was because He was the Saviour that He lived a matchless life. In His voluntary, substitutionary death on the cross He made atonement for our sin. He did not die an unwilling death! He was not a martyr! No, it was a voluntary death! He could have prevented it at any time. The greatness and superiority of this great salvation lies in the fact that it was not martyrdom. Had it been, it would have lost its saving quality. His sacrifical death made possible the gospel appeal to "whosoever." The atonement was humanity-wide. This is the reason Peter said in Acts 10:43: "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his Name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

"So great salvation" is for all sinners.

"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2:17).

He does not shun the rich, the wise, the illiterate, nor even moral derelicts. Jesus meets the needs of the rich, the poor, the publican, the harlot, the murderer, the drunkard and the Pharisee. The salvation He provided is sufficient to cover the sins of the greatest sinners and transform them into new creatures. Salvation for all sinners and forgiveness for all sin is the glorious news of the gospel!

A story is told of a woman who came to a minister, carrying in her hands a mass of wet sand.

"Do you see what this is, sir?"

"Yes, it is wet sand."

"But do you know what it means?"

"No, I cannot say that I do. What does it mean?"

"That is I," she answered in great distress, "and the multitude of my sins which cannot be numbered."

The minister spoke calmly to her and inquired where she got the sand.

"Down on the beach."

"Go back there," he said, "and take a spade with you. Heap up a big mound of sand; pile it as high as you can. Then stand back on shore and watch what happens to it when the tide comes in."

When the tide came in the pile of sand was completely washed away. That is exactly what will become of your sin the instant the blood of Christ is applied. They will not go until the blood is applied.

They will all have to "go beneath the crimson flow."

"I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions and as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee" (Isa. 44:20).

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45:22).

Oh! How wonderful this great salvation is!

An artist can take some canvas, a brush, a palette, some paint worth a few dollars and paint a picture worth a thousand dollars—that is art.

Jesus Christ can take a human being whose life is morally and ethically worthless and transform it into a priceless character, a thing of surpassing beauty in holiness of life — that is salvation!

II—"If we neglect."

If—the word over which so many stumble. The accident would not have happened *if*. I would have made a lot of money *if*. He could have still been living *if*. What a tremendous volume is bound up in the little word *if*. Every soul in Hell could have been saved *if* they had only trusted Jesus. The salvation of our souls is our own individual responsibility. "If we neglect." You are to blame if you remain in a lost condition. There is not enough power in Hell to keep you from being saved if you will trust in Jesus Christ.

"Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40).

"Ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).

Many people intend to do better but they neglect the opportunities they now have. Neglect brings failure. "The whole world is a battlefield covered over with wrecks occasioned by neglect."—Geo. W. Truett.

Health many times fails because proper health measures are neglected. Some people are dead today because they neglected to stop the disease when they could. Business concerns many times have failed because their owners neglected to change business policies to meet changing conditions.

Professing Christians fail many times to obtain God's best blessing because of neglect. You cannot neglect to pray and receive the blessing of answered prayer. "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2).

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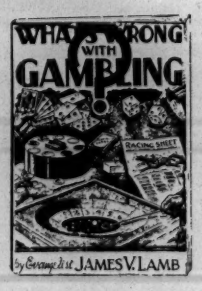

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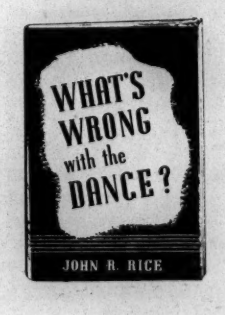

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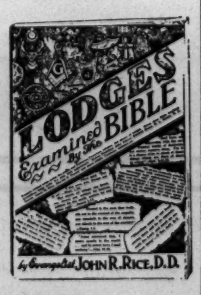

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how he had heard over the radio the day before that a preacher was going to preach on Sunday morning from a text that all other preachers missed. He purposely missed his own church to hear that sermon. He said the reception that morning was poor and he drew his chair up right in front of the radio and sat there ready to get the sermon. The first words of the preacher were: "What are you doing there? You ought to be ashamed of yourself; if you are able to go you ought to be in your church. You have no business staying home and listening to the radio if you are able to go." The man said it almost knocked him off his chair, and I said, "Praise the Lord!" God's will is that you attend church services. If you neglect to do it you are sinning against God and are disobeying His Word.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25).

You cannot neglect to tithe and receive the blessing that God gives to all who obey Him.

You cannot neglect soul-winning opportunities and be a soul winner and win a soul winner's crown.

You parents cannot neglect your children and expect them to do right when they are grown. Today we have a high divorce rate and it has come because parents have neglected to teach their children the sacredness of marriage. The marriage vow of "until death do us part" is taken with reservation. The lack of a family altar has been the cause of many, many broken homes. Some of you say you don't have time to read the Bible and pray at a family altar. You don't have time to read Bible stories to your children. You don't have time to attend Church and Sunday school. You don't have time to read wholesome Christian literature and make it available for your children. You may not have time today but some day you may have time to grieve your heart out because of the waywardness of your son or daughter. If you want your children to turn out right you had better bring them up right. It is important that your children be sent to Sunday school and church, but it is more important that you go with them.

Judge Sam Davis Tatum of the Juvenile Domestic Relations Court of Nashville, Tennessee, writes: "The Juvenile Court over which I preside has jurisdiction over children under seventeen years of age, who have violated the law. Since June 1, 1939, I have tried approximately 4800 cases. Of this number only twenty-nine have a regular Sunday school or church record." Then he adds this significant sentence: "So far, I have not had a child in Juvenile Court whose father or mother attended either Sunday school or church regularly."

The terrible wave of young criminals is the direct result of shameful, sinful neglect on the part of their parents. The effective means of combating juvenile delinquency is by erecting family altars in the homes. Make up your mind now that you will take time to live for God and train your children in the way they ought to go. Many times when it is too late the sorrowful memory of neglect burns like a coal of fire. To avoid that sorrowful memory start now to be an example in the home for good and for God.

Too many homes are as someone has said, "Lunch counters with sleeping quarters attached." God planned and intended the home to be a place where people would live together in peace and harmony. Say, what kind of impression do your children get from your home life?

I heard Rev. O. R. Shields of St. Louis tell over the radio of a mother who came home to find her son and daughter having a hard fuss. It looked as though they would come to blows immediately.

"Here, here," said the mother. "What in the world are you two quarreling so about? Stop it right now!"

"Oh, Mommie," said the little girl; "we aren't really fussing. We are just playing that we are married."

Oh, neglect, neglect—the awful toll it takes! Ruined lives, blasted characters, blighted careers, lost souls drifting swiftly to Hell, all because of this terrible, terrible sin! It is a sin committed without conscious effort. You do not have to blaspheme God to be finally lost. You do not have to shake your puny fist in the face of the holy and Almighty God to be eternally lost. Just go on down the hurrying stream, floating and drifting with the current, neglecting your soul's salvation, and you will be lost forever!

The neglect of your soul is so unreasonable. It certainly cannot be reasonable for a human being to neglect the God who made him. I owe my Maker certain inescapable obligations. It is not reasonable for me to neglect them. God made me to glorify Him. If I neglect my soul's salvation, then God gets no glory from me and I have failed in my obligation.

Someone says: "But I intend to be saved some time, before it is too late." Yes, I know; but tomorrow may be too late. Good intentions will not gather up spilled milk. Good intentions will not counteract poisons.

"One time a brave little wife waited for weeks upon weeks upon her sick huband. She would be awakened by the clock in the night to get up and give him his medicine. At last she was worn almost to desperation, and scarcely knew what she did, as she got up hour after hour to give him the medicine. At last, the hour came when, half awake, she reached up for the vial and poured out the medicine, and put it to his mouth and no sooner had he swallowed it then he made an outcry to her: "Oh, Mary dear, you have killed your John" You have given the wrong medicine.' And then as he saw her agony he said: "Oh, I know, dear, that you did not mean to do it, but this is all. I am finished." And he was finished befor another hour passed.

Suppose we put on an asbestos suit and take an asbestos notebook and take a trip to Hell. Let us interview the inhabitants. I believe almost without exception everyone of them would tell us that they intended to be saved, but waited too long. Neglect is the main traveled road to Hell!

III — "How shall we escape?"

There are several things I want you to notice which you cannot escape if you neglect your soul's salvation.

First of all, *you cannot escape a wasted life.* It could be possible that you would live all your life and then be saved on your deathbed in your dying hours. Your soul would be saved, but your whole life would be wasted.

During a tent revival in Paducah, Kentucky, some years ago, the Lord gloriously and marvelously saved an old man the day before his 77th birthday. What a joy to hear that man stand and testify, but what sorrow as he told me of his four grown sons who would not listen to the Gospel. Oh, how that man regretted his wasted life! A life with God left out is a failure, it is a mirage.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett tells in his book, *A Quest for Souls,* how Napoleon started across the desert on one of his long marches. The hot sun beat down on the hot sand, and the light and the heat reflected, made the men pant for water as they marched across that terrible desert. In their fierce thirst they looked everywhere for water, but the wells were dry and no water could be found. Then they looked out a little distance ahead and saw a beautiful lake of water, they lifted up a shout of joy and started in a run toward the water, but as they ran the lake ran. As they got nearer, the lake receded and got further away. It was not a lake at all. It was a mirage in the desert. It was a cheat. It was a delusion. Listen, my neighbor, traveling to an endless eternity, a human life without God is but a mirage in the desert. What an awful expression is this: "Having no hope, and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12).

Every father and mother, if for no other reason, ought to be a Christian that they might lead their children to Christ.

Second, *you cannot escape the wages of sin if you neglect salvation.*

"Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished" (Prov. 11:.21).

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

You cannot sin and get by. You cannot laugh at God and get away with it. The law of the harvest will not change. The results of sin in this life are: broken homes, broken health, prodigal children, lost friendships, bleeding and broken hearts—these are the natural fruits of sinful sowing. Sin will leave a horrible slimy trail in your life! You cannot escape it; payday will come some day.

Third, *you cannot escape a sin-hardened heart.*

"My spirit shall not always strive with man" (Gen. 6:3). You cannot hear the Gospel preached, neglect to accept its invitation without your heart being hardened. The deadly danger of procrastination is that it results in a hardened heart. Neglect sears and deadens the conscience. Neglect puts out the warning lantern at the cross-roads. Neglect dulls the ears to the call of God. After the Gospel is heard again and again and there is no response, it becomes commonplace. Every time you turn God down your heart becomes colder and harder. Remember, the same sun that melts the ice hardens the clay.

Fourth, *you cannot escape an eternal Hell if you neglect.* God will finally let you go to Hell if you insist on refusing His invitation. He will not allow you to scorn His Son, trample His blood under foot, resist His Spirit and let you enter Heaven. No, you cannot miss Hell if you neglect salvation. It is up to you. What are you going to do about it?

Every living person is slowly but surely moving toward an inevitable moment when the curtain will fall on life's stage, never to be raised. Then life's drama ends and the scene changes from the uncertainties and follies of life to the realities of eternity. When that last moment comes it will be too late in most cases to get right with God.

When the awful crash comes in the railroad accident and you are caught and crushed beneath a mass of steel, it will be too late. When the mountain suddenly looms and the airship and you are hurled to the rocks and your brains spatter out, it will be too late. When your car fails to make a turn and you plunge through guard rails and over a high bank and your life is snuffed out, it will be too late. When the last agonizing pain shoots through your heart, you catch your breath and fall back on your pillow, it will be too late. When the steel fetters of death begin to tighten and all your poor, befuddled, beclouded brain will be able to discern is the muffled sobs of your loved ones as they gather around in the agony of the last sad parting, it will be too late.

Then perhaps a white faced mother will bow in the silent chamber of death over your motionless form, and moan, "O God, is my boy safe?"

Perhaps a sweet, tender, broken-hearted wife will steal in when all is quiet and stand beside your casket; she may reach out and take your cold, dead face between her hands and with trembling lips and falling tears, cry "O God, is it well with my husband?"

Perhaps at the grave a silver-haired daddy will cry as one of old "My son, my son, would God I had died for you! Oh, my son!"

There is no repentance beyond the grave. At last the bowl of life is broken, the silver cord has snapped, the mourners go away, the grave diggers put you to bed with a shovel, another sad drama is completed, another soul lost for eternity—simply because of NEGLECT.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

The Editor Appeals, Decide Now!

Let me add my word to that of Evangelist Kenneth Chapman. If you neglect, your soul may be lost forever! This "so great salvation" may be yours if you will delay no longer but here and now depend upon Christ, turn to Him in penitent faith, take him as your own Saviour. Will you do it now? If so, will you first say yes in your heart to God; make it sure. Then sign the decision form below, copy it in a letter and mail it to me, please. It will help you to make the decision clear and strong and unforgettable in your own heart. And then I want to send you a letter of encouragement and counsel. Sign it, copy it and mail today!

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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Evangelist Kenneth Chapman's sermon on "The Way to Hell" and I am conscious of the sin and folly of neglecting my soul's salvation. I confess I am a poor lost sinner. Here and now I repent of my sins and trust Christ to save me. I will neglect no longer, but here and now will settle the matter by simple faith. I will depend on Christ to forgive me and save me this moment. I will start out to live for Him, will claim Him as my own Saviour.

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wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)." Only the grace of God can change men's hearts. For this reason the apostle declared: "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). No wonder he insisted: "After that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, its pleased God by the foolishenss of preaching to save them that believe."

The beloved disciple John was in prison on the Isle of Patmos when he wrote the words of our text: "For the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."

I " For The Word of God"

We have come to Geneva for the Word of God. God has revealed Himself in creation and providence and men are without excuse for their sins. But God has been pleased to give us a special revelation, committed to writing by divine inspiration, for the presentation of His plan for our eternal redemption from sin. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God.

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so."

We are united here and in our testimony because we are agreed as to what is the Word of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). Peter declared, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet. 1:21). Paul insisted to young Timothy, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

We accept the Scriptures upon the testimony of God Himself. He says He has spoken. We believe, and therefore speak. The Bible is either what it claims to be or it is the supreme hoax of history. It has stood the test of centuries. It carries the credentials of Heaven. Its unity, its prophecies, its united witness to the blood of the Lamb, and its power in the life of the church bear witness to its nature. History, archeology, true science, sound scholarship verify the statements of holy Writ. It is our "only infallible rule of faith and practice." We do not worship the Book. God forbid! It tells us to worship only God, and it directs us how we may glorify and enjoy Him forever. But we do cherish it, honor it, love it, and defend it. It cannot be separated from the faith. There can be no Christianity without it.

We have not come to Geneva to set aside a section of this Congress to meet in secret session where men should formulate "a word of God" for our day. Such would be a presumption, for our God has so clearly spoken. For men with varying ideas of what the message of the church should be to compile a single paper by means of concessions and compromises among themselves in the interest of an outward unity and to offer this as the message of Christ is nothing short of blasphemy. A message formulated by such compromise cannot appeal to

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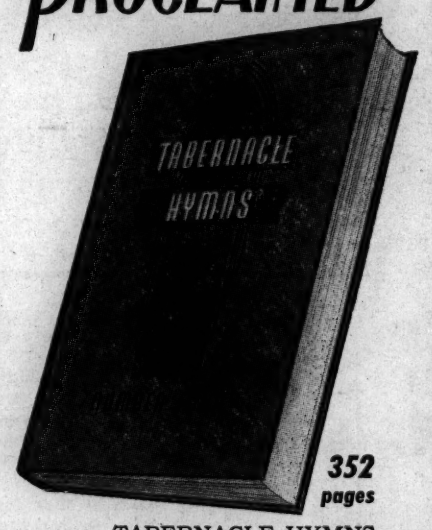

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the minds of thoughtful men, for truth is not composed by compromises.

There is no such thing as a continuing revelation of God in the so-called modern church, but "if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20). The only standard of judgment for us and in the light of which all controversies must be decided is the Holy Spirit speaking through the Scriptures. This is Protestantism—its life and liberty, its privilege and power.

Christ cannot be separated from the Scriptures. "They are they which testify of me," He insisted. We have believed the record God has given concerning His Son. This record presents only one Christ. We are all here because we are agreed as to Him—whose Son He is, His birth of the virgin Mary, His sinless life, His vicarious, expiatory death on the cross in our room and stead, His physical, bodily resurrection from the dead on the third day, His ascension to the right hand of God, and His visible, personal return to this earth, for which we watch. This is the Christ who, Paul said, "loved me, and gave himself for me."

But if the record is in error and untrue, the Christ it offers is a perversion, a pagan Jesus, and every man may construct his own savior. The attack in the name of Higher Criticism and learning upon the trustworthiness and inerrancy of the Scriptures, which has been so successful in many churches in our generation, is in fact an attack upon our Christ, the great Head and King of the Church.

The attempt to use the name "Jesus Christ" as a cover for all the various views and opinions of men concerning Him which have been produced by the minds of men as a result of the discrediting of the Scriptures amounts to nothing more than a deceitful device to front a false unity. "There is only one Redeemer of God's elect." He leads and speaks to His church by the Scriptures.

The same must be said about the use of the word "Gospel" today. Paul said that, if an angel from Heaven preached any other Gospel, an anathema was to be pronounced upon him. But to use the term, as is done, as a cover for various messages which are not the Gospel of Christ at all is a device of Satan to confuse and cripple the cause of Jesus Christ.

Our movement, born of God's Spirit, finds its unity in only one Gospel, only one Christ, only one Bible. There is not one Christ for India, another formulation of Christ for China, and still another expression of this illusive person for the West. The terms on which God deals with man and his sins, the offer of forgiveness and eternal life are the same to every man born of woman: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." It is out of every kindred and people and tongue that God is calling a people for His name's sake who shall praise the Lamb which was slain. In this, our stand, the International. Council of Christian Churches has behind it the great confessions of the evangelical churches and the heritage of 2,000 years of church history. We are here for the Word of God.

II. "For The Testimony of Jesus Christ"

The beloved disciple added to his reason for being in exile, "and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Those who believe God's Word must raise a testimony to the eternal Son of God. The whole of life is involved. We are not our own. We have been bought with a price.

God has ordained, as revealed in the Scriptures, that the church, the visible church on earth, should testify to Jesus Christ. The message, the nature, the disciplines of the church are given in His Word. The church must declare and minister the Word of God. The church has only one message to preach, only one! Her loyalty to her Lord is involved in her faithfulness to this one message. Her apostasy may be judged by her failure to honor only the one message. When she permits one minister in her fold to preach a false gospel, she is responsible and is in sin. When she makes common cause and joins in co-operative effort with those who compromise and disobey the Gospel, she aids and abets the destruction of the truth. The eternal estate of human souls is involved. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," save the name of Jesus Christ.

The church is the Kingdom of God. The church is at war with the hosts of Satan, "for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The church must be militant and valiant for her Lord. She has a battle cry and should be "terrible as an army with banners." We are united in this concept of the church, her purity and her passion.

When, however, God's Word is discredited as errant and unreliable, and other gospels are presented within the fold of the church, the church has fallen into shame before her Lord. When, as is the case today in some churches, the enemies of the Gospel have been accepted and honored in their pulpits and councils, these churches have abandoned their God-given mission to present the true Gospel. The purity of the Gospel and its corollary, the purity of the church, is the issue. The church in certain places has become inclusive of many christs and of different gospels. It becomes an inclusive church! In such a condition even the world is confused by her confusion, and the blind leaders of the blind are all headed for the ditch.

The disastrous effects of the inclusive church can be seen in the attitude of clergy within the churches toward communism in this hour of strife. The United States Congress has a committee which issued a paper entitled, "Communism and Religion," in which it names Protestant clergymen who are aiding the communist cause. The Church of England has accepted her Red Dean who, I believe, has no rightful place in a church bearing the name of Jesus Christ. When in Indonesia last January, I found a religious paper with an article for young people written by a teacher in the Union Theological School of Batavia in which he said to the youth: "Our place is in the communist army." One of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, dean of the School of Religion of Yenching University, Peking, China, welcomed the communist armies as liberators and wrote on "Days of Rejoicing in China." He called for fellow traveler missionaries, and in another article has declared that a Christian may be a communist in China. He himself has accepted a position on the People's Political Consultative Council established by the Red regime to help set up the new democracy. Since reaching Geneva we have received from China a manifesto of church leaders supporting the World Peace Conference recently held in Moscow, and this same World Council president signed the manifesto supporting the Russian peace offensive. Other prominent leaders of the World Council are telling us that we must accept the half-truth of communism. Marx and Christ have nothing in common. But all this has come about in the church because of the inclusive church.

This inclusivism involves the false gospels which destroy the souls of men forever. The largest Protestant church in my land has so honored other gospels that its official Sunday school literature has now told its youth that "we should shake ourselves loose from mystical, theological, sentimental notions that come out of the easy acceptance of the death of Christ as the guaranty of our own salvation without effort on our part." In the same paragraph we are told, "Jesus paid the cost of his salvation on the cross." In truth, Jesus paid the cost of *our* salvation: "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8,9). It is this church that has furnished the president of the World Council of Churches for the Western Hemisphere.

The inclusive church first tolerates unbelief and other messages; then it begins to promote them; finally, it proceeds to attack the true Gospel which calls for loyalty to the one message. In the light of the Bible we cannot accept this inclusive church, and we do not see how God's people can be a part of it, promote it, or help build it.

It is this inclusive church that explains the possibility and dream of the modern ecumenical movement. Since it is possible for one denomination to include all the varying ideas and opinions, it is also possible for one organized world church to do the same thing. So the unitarian Quakers, the trinitarian evangelicals, the pro-communist Methodists, the anti-catholic Baptists, the Greek Orthodox with their mariolatry, and the high Church of England with its mass may, with patience and time, come together in the name of unity into one visible church on the earth. Accept the inclusive church, and all these conflicting ideas can exist side by side in the one great ecumenical church. So the drive is on for the strength of numbers in an organic union of all churches to be called the "Holy Catholic Church," which is also, according to the plan outlined by all the Methodist bishops in the United States, to include the Roman Catholic Church. All this amounts to a return to the Roman Catholic concept of church unity. It does not require a prophet to see that the consummation of such a movement will in all probability come when its leaders, who are already publicly confessing the grievous sin of their divisions, will in humility confess the sin of their disunity and return to the Roman Catholic Church, "a sister Christian communion," where, under the "holy father," there shall be "one fold and one shepherd" in answer, as they believe, to Christ's prayer of John 17.

In this movement we have not only the end of Protestantism, but we are confronted with monopolistic tyrannies which even now are beginning to manifest themselves. Mission doors are being closed through ecumenical influences to those of us who do not submit to this false and destructive idea of co-operation.

Even Biblical phrases have become an offense to these ecumenical planners. We have just been told (SWORD OF THE LORD, Sept. 1, 1950) by the main speaker of the Baptist World Alliance that the phrases "saved by grace" and "the precious blood of Jesus" must be abandoned as the church adopts the new language of its children to express or reinterpret the faith. The very system which is destroying the true nature of the church presumes to call itself, in establishing an entirely different order from that offered by Christ, "a new reformation." The Bible calls it apostasy. The Apostle Paul said that in the last days perilous times would come, that men would have a form of godliness, denying the power thereof, adding, "From such turn away" (2 Tim. 3:1-5). He emphasizes to young Timothy: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Tim. 4:1).

It is the disastrous effects of the inclusive modern church upon the whole world-wide Christian cause that explains in part the rise of our International Council of Christian Churches. It is of the very nature and genius of Protestant principles and liberty that there should be many churches in many lands. There is nothing wrong with this. It is not sin in itself to have these divisions. Our unity is spiritual, not organic. Each church must be loyal to its convictions to be genuinely Protestant. As a council of churches we come together to maintain our separate churches' identities — each in its own sovereignty and autonomy. Our oneness is in spirit and we come together to declare our oneness in faith and our concern for the preservation of the faith and of the true church in the midst of a twentieth century apostasy. We stand in the spirit of a Jeremiah, an Elijah, a Daniel. What happened in their days is happening in our day. God's people must be alerted and warned. The banner of God's truth must be lifted high. David cried when he saw Goliath, "Is there not a cause?" We are Protestant. We glory in our heritage. We protest in the spirit of our fathers.

We protest the idea that, unless we embrace inclusive co-operation, we do not favor Christian co-operation. We protest the idea that in our zeal to preserve the faith from the multiplied attacks made upon it we are disturbing the unity of the body of Christ. We protest the presumptuous claims of the ecumenical movement to be the voice of the church and to speak for all Protestants before the United Nations and the world.

We are a movement which we believe is of God.

Our movement is a Twentieth Century Reformation, for it calls for a return to the true concept of the church and to the Bible as the Word of God, just as the sixteenth century Reformation did.

Our movement is the true ecumenical spirit, for it brings together those of like precious faith from many evangelical denominations from all parts of the world.

Our movement is genuine Christian co-operation among Christian churches, for it has no designs or dreamers who desire to make of it an instrument for the establishment of a super-world-church.

Our movement is an expression of genuine Christian brotherhood, for it recognizes that our sonship in Christ has been made possible only by the miracle of the new birth.

Our movement is a manifestation of a heavenly fellowship, for "if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Our movement places truth above unity and co-operation, not unity and co-operation above truth, and there are no contradictions in its "unity."

Our movement recognizes the apostasy, feels the God-given responsibility to expose it, and to deal with it, and we are not ashamed to do battle for the cause of truth, nor are we ashamed of those who in the conflict for Christ bear in their own body the scars and marks of the Lord Jesus. Paul said, "The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain" (2 Tim. 1:16).

Our movement maintains the same position concerning the Roman Catholic apostasy held by the Reformers of the sixteenth century here in the City of Geneva.

Our movement has faced squarely the nature of the ecumenical movement and the World Council of Churches, and our very existence is a witness to the conviction that we do not want that kind of council, and that we believe that the International Council of Christian Churches can be a true fellowship of true Christian churches standing in the great stream of historic Christianity.

Our movement believes that God Almighty does not work by numbers, by might, or by power of men, but that he is pleased to use "the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and . . . the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

Our movement believes that God places His Word above His name and that them that honor Him He will honor.

Our movement does not believe that the prayer of Jesus in John 17 calls for organic union of all churches into one world church, but that the Una Sancta is a present reality which we enjoy in the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

Our movement believes that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Our world is in confusion because the church is in confusion. What men have done in the church, statesmen have tried to do in the world. Truth cannot be compromised, if it is to be pre-

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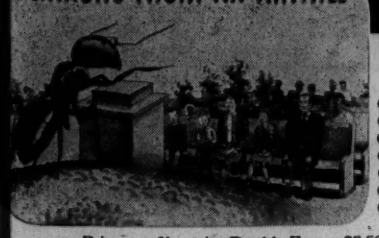

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Bird Life in Wington

By Calvin Reid

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CARNIVAL KING

Have you heard about the spring carnival sponsored by the Wington High School? It was quite an event, the climax being the selection of one bird to serve as King of the Carnival.

The rules provided that the award should go to the bird wearing the most stunning costume. The School furnished to all contestants the materials from which to cut the costumes, but each was responsible for making his own.

On the day the birds assembled to get their materials, a certain room in Wington High was in utter confusion.

It was worse than the basement of Hank and Reder's on the morning of a Summer Clearance Sale—with various birds grabbing, pushing, screaming— each trying to get the best for himself.

"Let me be first; I'll take green," yelled Bill Parrot.

"Give me this piece of blue," shouted Tommy Bluejay.

"I want three yards of black," cried Jim Crow.

"Give me red," screamed Tucky Cardinal.

"This piece of yellow for me." shouted Goldy Finch.

But during all the screaming and grabbing there was one little bird who sat back quietly saying nothing. When Miss Hummingbird, the teacher, at last restored order, she said, "Has any bird been overlooked as we distributed the material "

Whereupon this quiet little bird timidly raised his right foot.

"Why David Bunting," exclaimed the teacher, "where have you been? Why haven't you asked for anything?"

"I was waiting my turn," answered David.

"But now all the materials are gone," said the teacher.

By this time some of the other birds were beginning to feel very ashamed of themselves for being so selfish. They saw that the one bird that had been unselfish and courteous enough not to grab and push and scream was about to be left out.

Goldly Finch was the first to speak. "He can have a yard of my yellow."

Whereupon Tucky Cardinal said, "I will give him a piece of my red."

Then the others, some gladly and others only because they were ashamed not to, came by and each gave David a small piece of material.

"Just a collection of scraps," smirked Tommy Bluejay to Jim Crow on their way out.

"That's one bird that is safely out of the contest. Serves him right," answered Jim. "I wonder where in the world he got the idea that it pays to be unselfish,"

Perhaps I should tell you that neither Tommy Bluejay nor Jim Crow was present at church the Sunday before when Pastor Penguin used as his text for his Sermonette to the little birds, "The last shall be first."

At any rate Tommy and Jim were wrong. David was not out of the contest. He took those scraps of material and combined them so skillfully, with a bit of one color here and a dash of another there, that when he had finished he had a perfectly gorgeous costume. When he flew through the air in the sunlight, his feathers seemed to flash with all the colors of the rainbow and yet blended into a lovely harmony.

No other costume began to be as striking and beautiful as his, and he was unanimously chosen King of the Carnival. He was, of course as happy as could be, when he received his crown. And almost as happy was Miss Hummingbird, the teacher, who remembered how courteous and unselfish he had been.

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The Day of Pentecost

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had only six inches more to drop so as to reach the bottom unhurt. How often we dread letting go! But it is only when we have let go that we find peace and power.

Let us then take the following steps, suggested by the saintly Andrew Murray:

1. I believe that there is a Pentecostal blessing to be received —the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the enduement with power.
2. I believe it is for me!
3. I have never received it; or, if I received it once, I have lost it.
4. I long and desire to secure it at all cost; and am prepared to surrender whatever hinders.
5. I do now humbly and thankfully open my heart to receive all that I believe my Saviour is waiting to give; and even if there be no resulting emotion, I will still believe that I have received according to Mark 11:24.

If there is any difficulty in making a full surrender (see step 4 above), I suggest that if you are not willing to give up the key of some special door which you have hitherto kept closed against Christ, that you should tell Him you are willing to be made willing, and cast on Him the responsibility of dealing with that special difficulty. When dealing with your own case or the case of others, the one matter that claims imperative and primary consideration is the will. When *that* takes Christ's side, you may trust Him to deal with every hindrance or sin; and He will.

As to steps, I trust that I may not be charged with egotism if I reprint part of a tract by Dr. Chapman: "Two or three years ago Mr. Moody invited me to breakfast at his home in Northfield. I got to the house before the breakfast hour and met Dr. Meyer beneath a great tree in front of the house. I said to him, 'What is the matter with me? So many times I seem half empty, and so many times utterly powerless; what is the matter?'

"He put his hand on my shoulder and said; 'Have you ever tried to breathe out three times without breathing in once?'

"I wondered if he was referring to some new breathing exercise, so I said, 'I do not think I have.'

"'Well,' he said, 'try it.'

"So I breathed out once, and then I had to breath in again. Then he said: 'You must always breathe in before you can breathe out, and your breathing out must always be in proportion to your breathing in.'

"Then he said: 'Good morning,' and I went on into Mr. Moody's house. But I had had my lesson, and know that I had been trying to breathe out more than I had breathed in."

There must be a constant inhalation of the Spirit of Pentecost!

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The Public Health Service reports that new cases of poliomyelitis reached the 1950 peak for the week ending August 5. However the 6,171 cases reported since March are well below the 9,810 cases reported for the same period in 1949.

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A study by the Federal Security Agency of 62,345 divorces in 1948 in 13 states shows that the largest per cent for any one year is between the first and second year of marriage.

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The American citizens paid $53,586,000,000 in taxes in 1949, or $359 for every man, woman, and child in the U. S. for Federal, state, and local government. The 1942 average was $171 per capita.

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The *Unted Nations World* reports that there is one abortion for every live birth in Germany today.

The Testimony of Jesus Christ

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served. The inclusive church compromises the truth and destroys both the church and the truth. Thus it is that human liberty cannot be compromised and preserved. Compromises in the name of peace which have been made with totalitarianism have only caused loss and sorrow, and our world is now torn by the conflict made possible by these compromises. We are witnessing a peace offensive when, in the name of peace, appeasement is required, which only brings disaster. Must each generation repeat the sins of its fathers?

God Almighty has made it plain in His Word that He is displeased when His church turns aside to other gospels and to other gods. Every time Israel fell into declension He sent judgment upon her. He used a Pharaoh; He used a Nebuchadnezzar; He used even the Philistines; and, unless there is a mighty reformation in the church and a return to God's holy Word and the preservation and establishment of true Christian churches, the judgment of God, I believe, shall fall upon us.

As to world peace, God is the One who gives or withholds it. His favor is the great assurance of peace. He gives wisdom and courage not appease and not to compromise with evil and tyranny. He gives strength to nations. But with all this David said that our ultimate confidence is in God. We are not to put confidence only in chariots, but in the living God who holds the heart of the king in His hand. The key to real world peace is a return to God on the part of His people, a mighty revival, the confession of sin: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14). This is the remedy which needs to be tried. Why are not men ready to give it an opportunity?

On the last Sunday in which I was in my own church, one of the elders, a real man of God, told me goodby, and gave us the assurance of his prayers for our Second Congress. Then he said, "I am praying that your Congress shall say something, shall do something; that its pronouncements shall be so clear and certain that Christians throughout the whole world will be aroused."

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